

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/398,377

Applicant(s)
Bitler et al.

Examiner
Peter Szekely

Art Unit
1714

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Peter Szekely

(3) _____

(2) Jeff Sheldon

(4) _____

Date of Interview Oct 18, 2002

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: All pending.

Identification of prior art discussed:
Mueller et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:


The examiner maintained his objections to the "effective amount" and the "at least" language. He indicated the the "method of using the claimed composition as a thickener" might be allowable. Applicants will seriously consider the examiner's comments.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

**PETER SZEKELY
PRIMARY EXAMINER
ART UNIT 1714**



Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

Examiner's signature, if required